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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 30, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Dental Clinic changes sick call hours

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic Command is changing the hours of sick call effective Feb. 1.

Currently, sick call is from 7 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. Effective Feb. 1, sick call will be from 7 to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday. The reason for the change is to increase operating efficiency and to open up more appointments for our patient population.

The purpose of this policy is to create a more efficient and responsive dental treatment facility.

Any questions or concerns about this policy should be addressed to Lt. Col. Michael E. Garvin, APG Dental Clinic at 410-278-1789.

### Access to care at KUSAHC

TRICARE Prime enrolled patients have priority access to appointments at Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic, or KUSAHC. Non-prime patients are seen at KUSAHC on a space available basis. Non-prime patients such as TRICARE Standard and TRICARE for Life patients can call after 11 a.m. each day for any space-available appointments. Space-available appointments are extremely limited; therefore, it may be difficult to get an appointment at KUSAHC.

If you are under the age of 65 participating in the TRICARE Standard program you can go to any participating provider in your plan. You will have a deductible and cost share to pay in this plan. If you would like KUSAHC to be your treatment facility, visit the TRICARE Liaison Office to discuss enrollment in TRICARE Prime.

If you are a TRICARE for Life, or TFL, patient you will also be seen on a space available basis. However, you have the choice of going to any Medicare accepting physician or hospital for treatment. Medicare will pay first and TRICARE will pay the remaining fee. The TRICARE Liaison Office

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# Schmoke speaks at MLK event



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Col. Gennady Platoff, right, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, greets Kurt L. Schmoke, former mayor of Baltimore and the guest speaker at APG's annual prayer breakfast commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's salute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was celebrated in a prayer breakfast at Top of the Bay, Jan. 16, sponsored by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. Guest speaker Kurt L. Schmoke, former three-term mayor of Baltimore, addressed a packed house of nearly 350 soldiers, employees, family members and community friends, encouraging all to work together, in the spirit of King, toward the betterment of individual communities and the world.

Col. William Chambers, CHPPM chief of staff, welcomed the crowd for a celebration dedicated to acknowledging and upholding "freedom and dignity for all races."

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, briefed on Schmoke's family connection to APG. His father, Murray, retired from APG in 1995, having worked on both Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

"His roots are here at APG," she said.

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## Meeting addresses accelerated stockpile destruction at APG

### APG-stored mustard agent to be neutralized by end of 2002

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the Army, the state of Maryland and the Environmental Protection Agency have been working on ways to reduce the risks associated with chemical stockpile storage on Aberdeen Proving Ground. According to the new schedule, APG's stored mustard agent should be destroyed by the end of the year, a three-year acceleration of the previous schedule.

In a continuing effort to keep the public informed, town hall meetings were held last week at the Edgewood Senior Center in Harford County, and the Chestertown Middle School in Kent County, to explain the accelerated schedule, answer questions, and address concerns.

Briefed by Kevin Flamm, project manager, Alternative Technologies and Approaches; Brian O'Donnell, risk manager of the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility; and John Nunn, co-chair of the Citizens Advisory

Commission, an estimated 170 attendees were given a synopsis of the accelerated plan and the opportunity to ask questions. All were given assurances by the panel that the destruction will proceed in a timely manner, with an emphasis on safety for workers, area residents and the environment.

O'Donnell said the purpose of the meeting was twofold. "First to brief the public on the plan," he said, "and also to answer questions."

Under the accelerated plan, the destruction process involves increasing the number of containers neutralized from four to 12 each day, treating the by-product of neutralized mustard, hydrolysate, off site, and returning the empty, non-toxic containers to storage on for destruction after the mustard is neutralized.

The schedule will proceed within the next few months once construction and testing are completed, and the neutralization of all mustard stored at APG will be completed by December.

Pleased with the public's interest and

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## Federal employees receive frequent flier points

Courtesy of CPAC

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 provides that employees may retain for personal use promotional items such as frequent flier miles received as a result of government travel. These changes have been reflected in the Joint Travel Regulations.

According to the new law "any promotional items through official travel belong to the traveler," said Dwight Moore, staff attorney at U.S. Transportation Command, or TRANSCOM, and a principle writer of the proposal. He said TRANSCOM recommended the change to Congress.

Mileage received by servicemembers and federal employees before the bill was passed is also "grandfa-

thered," Moore said. People who have accumulated mileage in frequent flier accounts through official travel over the past years own all of that mileage, he said.

Moore explained that frequent traveler benefits include points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities.

Travel arrangements will still be made based on the most efficient cost to the government and not based on the employee's opportunity to earn frequent flier points.

One stipulation in the law is that government travelers cannot accept special promotional items that are not available to the general public.

"The promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must

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## A grateful family repays OC&S soldiers

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

In a gesture of gratitude and patriotism, a North Carolina family repaid a kindness to the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools with a shipment of gifts for the soldiers of Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

The family of the late, Pvt. Edward Collins bestowed the gifts on the unit as thanks for the kindness shown to them following Collins' death during Exodus leave in 2000. In March 2001, the unit constructed a graduation hall, naming it in his honor and inviting the family to the inaugural ceremony.

Collins' mother, Barbara, said the endowment was the family's way of "handling the holidays" without her son, and thanking the unit "for their thoughtfulness."

"Eddie died on Dec. 27. I dreaded facing Christmas without him," she said.

Her sister, Carol Layton, suggested the idea as a way for the family to celebrate the season, she added.

The family, along with

friends, neighbors and coworkers who heard of the project and volunteered to help, purchased items they thought any soldier away from home might find useful. They piled stacks of empty boxes under the family Christmas tree, and on Christmas Day, filled and wrapped them for shipping.

"People were coming by all day long with things to add to the boxes. It was wonderful; not the sad time I anticipated at all," Collins said.

They coordinated their efforts with Staff Sgt. (Drill Sgt.) Anthony Dorsey, who also headed the graduation hall's construction last March.

"Carol and Sgt. Dorsey handled all the arrangements," Collins said. "She said every time she spoke with him he was always so enthusiastic and helpful."

On Jan. 11, the first of three 100-pound shipments was delivered to the unit's soldiers during a company formation led by Capt. Ben Palmer, company commander, and 1st Sgt. Cuahutemac Durant.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion Pvs. Jonathan Peterson, Peter Lewis and Bridget Crouse open gifts that were sent to the unit from the family of Pvt. Edward Collins, a former OC&S student who died during Exodus leave, 2000.



**Post Shorts**

**SHORTS from front page**  
is located on the third floor at KUSAHC. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**C/Ys offers childcare provider training**

Child/Youth Services will sponsor Family Child Care training during the week of Jan. 28 in building 2752. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based childcare, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply. Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits to include: \$500 per week, self employment, free training in a marketable profession, transferable credit to Army installations worldwide, free use of lending library, free referrals by Central Registry, free monthly newsletter, free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National Child Development Associate credential program and participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture food program. For more information, call Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720.

**Use both lanes**

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG's Aberdeen Area. At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way - allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper. This more efficient movement of traffic will speed up the process.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

**Weight Watchers at Work information, signup meeting announced**

Find out what the Weight Watchers at Work program is all about at the next information and signup meeting Feb. 6. The meetings are held at noon in building 324, second floor conference room. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control program. The group has lost more than 500 pounds since starting the program last summer. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program, call 410-278-1151

**2002 USO Guide to Washington, Baltimore available**

The USO of Metropolitan Washington has produced the 14th edition of the 2002 Guide to Washington and Baltimore, now available for distribution. The guide is resource for service-members stationed, or on temporary assignment, in the Washington metropolitan area and provides a comprehensive listing of USO and military resources, information on sight seeing and recreation, maps and general information on living in the area. The guide is provided free of charge to members of the military and their families. To arrange a pick up of multiple copies of the guide, call one of the following USO-Metro locations:

Ft. Belvoir, USO Family Support Services, 703-805-2464  
Ft. Myer, USO-Metro Headquarters, 703-696-2628  
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Copies are also being distributed through area Senior Enlisted Advisors. If you are unable to pick up a copy of the publication and would like one mailed to you, USO-Metro will mail one to you for \$2 (to cover postage and handling). For more information, call 703-696-2628.

**Need help parenting a teenager?**

Army Community Service offers assistance to parents that need a little help parenting a teenager. "Active Parenting for Teens" is a class to help today's parents deal with the many challenges of raising a teenager. This six-week class will be held every Monday, Jan. 28 to Mar. 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road.

To register for this class, or if you have any questions, contact Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist, at 410-278-7478.

**MCSC to donate funds**

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilians Spouses' Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Requests should include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number). Requests must be postmarked by April 1. Submit requests to: MCSC, P.O. Box 752, APG, MD 21005, Attn: Welfare Chairperson.

**TRICARE sponsors free admission**

In the wake of the national tragedies, Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRICARE provider for Region 1, sponsors free Sundays during the month of February for active duty military families at Port Discovery in Baltimore and Capital Children's Museum in Washington, D.C.

Several activities are planned for the kids, which may include creating friendship bracelets, drawing their face for the "Faces of Diversity" wall and designing squares for a "Peace Quilt."

The following guidelines are in place at Port Discovery and Capital Children's Museum for active duty family members:

- \* Up to four family members may enter free with an active duty military I.D. (one I.D. per family is necessary).
- \* Must be active duty in order to receive free admission.
- \* Any Sunday throughout the month of February.
- \* The museums will also be open to paying visitors.

Port Discovery is open on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and is located at 35 Market Place, Baltimore. For more information, telephone 410-727-8120 or visit Web site [www.portdiscovery.org](http://www.portdiscovery.org).

The Capital Children's Museum is open on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 800 3rd Street NE, Washington, D.C. For more information, call 202-675-4120.

**Pollution Prevention**



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**APG newcomer orientation**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend. Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities. Door prizes will be awarded and give-a-ways available. For more information, call Fred Posadas, relocation manager, Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

**AudioCare Call-in Refill System phone line trouble at KUSAHC**

A main steam pipe ruptured at Walter Reed in mid-December and melted some of the Refill System phone lines, which has also affected Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Some of the phone cables are wet and will allow a connection but have interference in the background and the refills will not process. The remaining cables are working without difficulty.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center has contacted Verizon, the contractor, to correct the problem. Verizon has stated that it may take 4 to 6 weeks for the problem to be resolved.

If you are having difficulty with the Call-in Refill system, the best way to refill your prescriptions is to use the Internet refill system. The Internet Refill System may be accessed by logging onto the refill Web site at [www.walterreed.army.mil/refills](http://www.walterreed.army.mil/refills). You can refill or inquire on the status of a prescription as well as obtain medication information. You will be presented with the following options after entering your Social Security Number and prescription numbers in the appropriate fields:

1. Order a refill
2. Check on the status of a prescription
3. Medication information

An alternative to the AudioCare Call-In system and Internet Web site is to bring in your refills to your pharmacy for processing.

**Updated MCSC scholarship information**

Military/Civilian Spouse Club-funded scholarships (those awarded from the funds the club itself has raised over the course of the year) are available only to the members of MCSC and their immediate family members. MCSC membership is open to all spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty or retired, and Department of Defense civilian employees and their spouses or surviving spouses. Memberships are still available for the 2001-2002 year. The annual dues have been discounted to \$6 for the

remainder of this year.

The MCSC and the Edgewood Area-Officers Wives Club each administer a First Command Scholarship for \$1,000 (formerly known as the USPA IRA Scholarship) that is available to any child or spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased servicemember (excluding the Reservists and National Guard) who will be enrolled in college during the 2002-2003 school year.

**KUSAHC offers classes**

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

**"Healthy Eating" weight control:** Class is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 24. All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating, parents and sponsors of children with healthy eating concerns, are invited to attend.

**Take care of yourself:** The Take Care of Yourself class will be held the first and third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor. The class will be instructed by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself and Taking Care of Your Child handbooks distributed to TRICARE Prime enrollees.

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a primary care provider. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only. To sign up for this class, call 410-278-1725.

**Killington offers armed forces reduced rate lift tickets**

This season, members of the U.S. Armed Forces can ski or ride Killington/Pico for \$35 a day with the new Armed Forces Card. The card allows active duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired members of the U.S. armed forces to purchase a lift ticket at any ticket window any day Sunday through Friday, non-holiday, at the reduced rate, simply by presenting the card and a valid military ID.

"We have created a number of money saving programs this season for various market segments," said Mike Clifford, bulk ticket coordinator. "This card provides exceptional value for members of the armed forces who ski and snowboard. As with any new program, it will be interesting to see how the card is received. So far we have received many requests for card order forms and information from individuals stationed throughout the Eastern United States. We're very excited about the warm reception thus far and hope these service men and women will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the exceptional skiing and riding at Killington and Pico."

There is a one-time \$10 fee for each card when ordered in advance through a base recreation or MWR/ITT office or the Killington Group Sales office. To get a card order form, members of the Armed Forces are asked to contact the recreation or MWR/ITT departments at their current duty station.

The fee is \$25 if the card is purchased online or at Killington. To receive a card order form from Killington, contact Mike Clifford at 802-422-6957, [mclifford@killington.com](mailto:mclifford@killington.com) or Barry Speare at 802-422-6132, [bspeare@killington.com](mailto:bspeare@killington.com). Cards purchased online or in person at the resort, may be picked up at the Killington Edge Center in the Snowshed Base Lodge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit Killington's Web site at [www.killington.com](http://www.killington.com).

**TSP open season ends Jan. 31**

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season lasts until Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. TSP Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees are now required to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, or ABC-C, at 1-877-276-9287 or [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil) to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution. Employees must also contact the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8777 or [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) if they wish to change their fund allocation. Personal Identification Numbers are required for both ABC-C and TSP. Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling the TSP office, using the Web site, or completing a TSP-50.

For more information, contact your servicing personnel assistant, Aberdeen Proving Ground CPAC.

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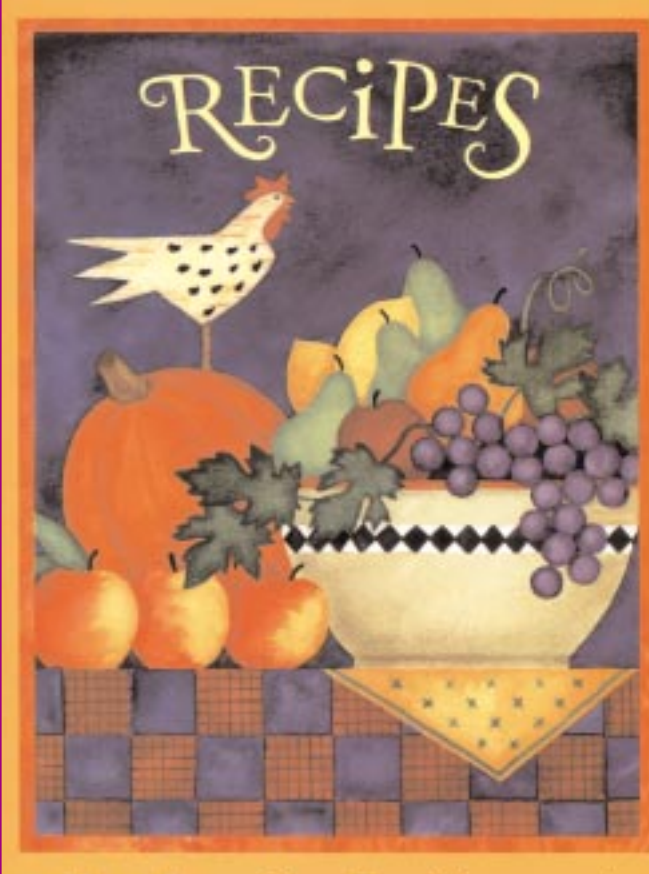
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**MCSC shares cooking secrets**

*The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has put together a community cookbook with more than 280 recipes. This collection has been tried and tasted by servicemembers all over the world. A special section features recipes from active duty personnel in every branch of the military. The cookbook is available for purchase on payday weekends at the PX and commissary and at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop. It will also be available at the MCSC Indoor Yard Sale, Jan. 26 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. It sells for \$8. All proceeds benefit the local community. To purchase the cookbook, call Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712. She will deliver to your office on post.*

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# Under Secretary of Defense makes new year visit to SBCCOM

**Kelly Buckingham**  
ECBC

On Jan. 2 E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, visited program offices of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, or SBCCOM. Aldridge is responsible for all matters relating to Department of Defense acquisition, research and development, logistics, advanced technology, international programs, environmental security, nuclear, chemical, and biological programs, and the industrial base.

During his visit, Aldridge was briefed on SBCCOM's many capabilities and defense technologies, including the Homeland Defense Program, Computer Aided Engineering and Design facilities and Edgewood developed equipment such as sampling kits and detection units.

Aldridge spent the afternoon touring various SBCCOM facilities at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, including the Berger Laboratory Complex and Process Engineering Facility, Operations Center and the Technical Escort Unit.

A highlight of the tour was the biological detection technology that has evolved at the

Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, or ECBC. ECBC recently helped develop a third generation biological detection system.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of SBCCOM, said "this is an impressive accomplishment considering ECBC developed the first generation biological detection system only nine years ago. The new system is fully automated, which is an improvement over earlier systems, and is the first system developed for use by all the military services."

Jim Zarzycki, technical director of ECBC, pointed out that ECBC "has a strong hands-on philosophy" and sees products through their entire life cycle, from concept to development.

Another highlight of the tour was the Critical Reagent Repository. ECBC manages this repository by storing and validating all immunological and DNA-based biodetection reagents for the Department of Defense.

Aldridge also visited the Chemical Agent Storage Yard and the Aberdeen Chemical Disposal Facility.

Accompanying Aldridge on the tour in addition to Doesburg and Zarzycki were the commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Gen. Paul J. Kern, and Deputy to the SBCCOM commander, Mike Parker.



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON  
Left, Ron Pojunas, Engineering Services Business Unit leader at the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, briefs Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, right, and Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, SBCCOM.

## 'Silent disease' plagues millions

**Richard Zowie**  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

It is a painless, chronic disease that currently plagues about 3 million Americans. Half of those with this disease, which has no known cure, do not even know they have it.

This disease, glaucoma, is also known as the "silent disease" since it slowly deprives a person of sight without any noticeable signs.

According to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the United States and the leading cause of preventable blindness. About 120,000 Americans lose their sight due to glaucoma.

Blacks suffer glaucoma six to eight times more frequently than Caucasians and is the leading cause of blindness among blacks, including baseball star, Kirby Puckett, officials said.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that limit or eliminate vision by causing damage to the optic nerve. This nerve carries images from the eye to the brain. The most common form of glaucoma is primary open angle glaucoma.

With this disorder, the eye's drainage canals become clogged and cannot properly drain. As a result, the intraocular pressure within the eye rises.

A person suffering from this

form of glaucoma will eventually lose their eyesight if the problem is not diagnosed or detected early.

Glaucoma does not initially affect a person's color or fine vision, said Lt. Col. Greg Young, Randolph Clinic's optometry flight commander.

People with 20/20 or even 20/15 vision could still have glaucoma, he said.

"We highly recommend that at-risk people have glaucoma exams more often than others," Dr. Young said. "At-risk people include African-Americans, people over 40 and those with a family history of glaucoma. If we target those who are high-risk, we can detect and treat it earlier. These are the people we want to screen for glaucoma every year."

If a medical screening detects glaucoma, patients are given eye drops or referred for more specialized treatment. Eye drops are used for patients with mild cases of glaucoma, Young said. The drops work to decrease intraocular pressure low enough to prevent damage to the eye.

"Usually, through an assortment or a combination of the drops, you can get the required effect," he said.

Young encourages people in at-risk groups to have eye exams every year. For people not in risk groups, he recom-

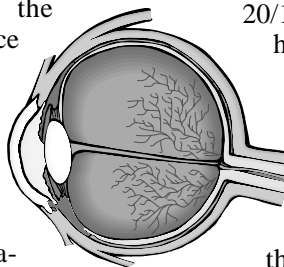
mends an eye exam every two to three years.

"Bottom line, it's important that detection and prevention come before intervention and treatment," he said.

There are some things people can do to keep pressures low and damage to a minimum, Young said. Studies have shown that long distance runners have lowered their pressures significantly. Also, keeping the optic nerve nourished with a healthy blood supply can be accomplished through regular exercise along with eating a well-balanced diet or taking multivitamins.

For more information on glaucoma, people should call or visit their optometry clinic.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.)



## Magazines now available at commissaries

**Flo Dunn**  
DeCA

Commissary shoppers can add magazines to their shopping lists as the Defense Commissary Agency rolls out its new magazine sales program.

Plans call for all stateside commissaries to carry up to 43 titles of popular family-oriented magazines ranging from "Reader's Digest" to "Newsweek." Overseas commissaries will carry up to 39 titles. Customers will find the magazines in racks located at the checkouts.

"We're pleased to add magazine sales as a service to our customers. Offering these

popular magazines at a significant reduction off the cover price gives our shoppers great value as well as convenience," said DeCA Director, Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr.

When the rollout began Dec. 19, APG was one of the first installations to receive magazines. Other bases include Little Creek, Va.; Annapolis, Andrews Air Force Base, and Fort Meade, Md.; Quantico and Fort Lee, Va. The rollout for the remaining stateside commissaries should be complete by the end of January. The rollout will begin for overseas commissaries in February and should be complete in March.

## Outlook tip



### #5: Changing your contacts display

- From the Tools menu, select Options.

- On the Preference tab, select the Contact Options button.

Choose the appropriate option for the "Default Full Name" order.

- Choose the appropriate option for the "Default File As" order.

- Save the changes.

- See Outlook Tip #4 located in the Outlook Tips Public Folder for more details.

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# Conference room dedicated to long-time OC&S employee

**E.C. Starnes**  
OC&S

Retired Gen. Colin Powell once noted that “Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work and persistence. You must be ready for opportunity when it comes.”

He could have been describing Tim Zello, an employee of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools from 1983 until his death on Aug. 11, 2000. Thanks to his fellow workers, former employees and soldiers, Zello’s record of success is permanently displayed and honored in the Timothy C. Zello Conference Room. The room is located in Hughes Hall, building 3072, and has long been the conference room for the Director of Instruction, or DOI.

Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Dickinson told family members and friends who gathered for the dedication ceremony, “Tim Zello typified the words ‘Great American.’”

He noted that “Reader’s Digest” carries articles about the most unforgettable individuals people have met in their lives.

“Tim Zello would certainly qualify. He had a profound effect on soldiers and civilians as a master trainer and a man of vision.”

Dickinson remembered Zello as a man who would not stop, despite a difficult battle with cancer.

“Following surgery, he lost his ability to talk. That didn’t stop him. He got a talking computer and came to the office every day for nine months,” Dickinson said.

The general said that Zello personified the traits of devotion, dedication and selflessness. He said Zello would be remembered as a man of great courage, a professional trainer and a devoted husband.

Dickinson said it was appropriate that the DOI conference room be named for Zello. He said that Zello’s presence was a part of the room from his days as an instructor, a department director and ultimately as the DOI. He noted that as future decisions concerning the training of soldiers are made in the room, “Tim will always be watching.”

Zello’s widow, Karen, joined the general in unveiling a special plaque, which hangs in the conference room. Following a special dedication ceremony in the James Ball Conference Center, Zello’s family joined former co-workers and friends in cutting the ribbon in the conference room.

Born in Mount Pleasant, Pa., on Aug. 27, 1951, Zello joined the OC&S staff in 1983. Over the years he earned numerous awards for his work, including three awards of the Superior Civilian Service Award, the Bronze Award from the Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Career Program, the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service, the Samuel Sharpe Award, a Special Act Award, the Training and Doctrine Command Certificate of Commendation for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and 17 Exceptional Performance Commendations.



Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Dickinson and Karen Zello unveil a plaque which designates the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ Director of Instruction Conference Room as the Timothy C. Zello Conference Room.

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## “Advance medical directive” is everyone’s right

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It is the right of every person to have an “advance medical directive.” The following guidance is provided to help military beneficiaries decide if the choice of an advanced medical directive is in their best interest.

An advanced medical directive is a written document that sets forth a person’s desires concerning what medical care he will receive should he become incapable of making healthcare decisions on his own, or that gives another person the legal authority to make healthcare decisions on behalf of a person who has become mentally incapacitated.

Living wills and durable healthcare powers of attorney are advanced medical directives. The advanced medical directive is often simply referred to as an advance directive.

A living will is a written document that sets forth a person’s desires concerning medical care, should he become terminally ill or when death is imminent.

A living will may specify which medical treatments should be provided, as well as which medical treatments should not.

A durable healthcare power of attorney is a written document which gives another person (known as the agent, proxy or surrogate) legal authority to make healthcare decisions. This document is valid for any period of mental incapacity.

All competent adult patients have the moral and legal right to participate in their medical treatment decisions and to refuse medical treatment even in life-saving or life-sustaining situations. This includes the right to prepare

advanced medical directives concerning medical care.

In general, active-duty patients have the same rights as non-active-duty patients. However, active-duty soldiers may not refuse certain life-saving medical or surgical procedures. When an active-duty soldier refuses such treatment, the matter is referred to the office of the staff judge advocate for resolution. Guidance concerning this is covered in Army Regulation 600-20, and applicable regulations for the other military services.

An advanced medical directive is voluntary in nature. Patients are not required to have one to be admitted or treated. Patient care will not be compromised if there is no advanced medical directives.

Patients having advanced medical directives must inform their primary care managers accordingly. They must also provide copies of their advanced medical directives to their physicians or the outpatient records room as soon as possible.

Patients who desire to make cadaver donations must coordinate with the medical institutions of their choice. Advance arrangements must be made between the donor and the medical institution receiving the body.

An advanced medical directive may be revoked or changed at any time. Patients may verbally inform their primary care managers or providers if they wish to change it.

To formally change an advanced medical directive, patients must contact their legal assistance office.

See **DIRECTIVE**, page 12



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(Editor’s note: Some information provided by the U.S. TRANSCOM News Service.)



MWR UPDATE

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m.,

AA Recreation Center Ballroom

Festivus Maximus at APG. Gather together with other NFL fans, pick your teams, and enjoy the Super Bowl on a BIG screen, in a sports bar atmosphere. In addition to the thrill of watching the game with a football loving crowd, you also get an all-you-can-eat food bar to include soda, door prizes, sports trivia, pick the scores and other skill games all with fabulous prizes. Beer and wine coolers will be available at the snack bar for purchase with proof of ID. Advance tickets go on sale Jan. 14 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets. No AIT students will be admitted. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail: donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

BENCH PRESS COMPETITION

Saturday, Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m.

Hoyle Gymnasium, building E-4210

The Community Recreation Division, APG Intramural Sports is sponsoring a Bench Press Competition. Eligible participants for the competition include active duty military competing for Commander's Cup points and eligible civilian male and female patrons. Military teams are limited to 15 persons, two per



weight class. Trophies will be awarded to the top two finishers in each category and plaques awarded for the best lifters.

Divisions include Men's Master (over 40 years of age), lightweight and heavyweight classes; Men's Sub-Master (35 to 39 years of age), lightweight and heavyweight classes; Women's Divisions - 114 lbs., 132 lbs., 148 lbs., 165 lbs., and over 165 lbs.

Military Men's Open includes 123 lbs. (123 lbs. and under); 132 lbs. (124 to 132 lbs.); 148 lbs. (133 to 148 lbs.); 165 lbs. (149 to 165 lbs.); 181 lbs. (166 to 181 lbs.); 198 lbs. (182 to 198 lbs.); 220 lbs. (199 to 220 lbs.); and 242 lbs. (221 lbs. and over).

Deadline for sign-up is 7:30 a.m., Jan. 26. Weigh-in starts at 7:30 a.m., with a briefing at 9:15 a.m. For more information, call Donna Coyne, 410-278-3929 or send e-mail to donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

ALL ARMY SPORTS APPLICATIONS

Active duty soldiers interested in participating on the All Army Sports Teams for the following sports must submit an application to the

APG Sports Office by the following dates:  
Track and Field Jan.31  
Soccer Feb.3  
Tae kwon do Feb.4  
Basketball, women Feb.18  
Bowling Feb. 28

Candidates are advised to read Army Regulation 215-1, section 20c, which reviews the standards for All Army participation. Visit the Army Sports Web site at [www.armymwr.com/mwr/armysports](http://www.armymwr.com/mwr/armysports). Soldiers must be assigned to a unit at APG at the time the application is due. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929.

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Entry deadline for the 2002 tournament is Feb 14. The tournament is open to active duty and civilians of APG. Play dates are Feb. 19 to 28. Sign-up at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300, or Hoyle Gym, building E4210, in the Edgewood Area.

For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929.

LUNCHTIME VOLLEYBALL

Starting Tuesday Feb. 12, ten weeks of organized lunchtime volleyball will be held in Russell Gym, building 3330. \$10 includes 10

weeks of play, officials to call the games, locker rooms and towel service. The program is open to all eligible patrons novice to expert. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929.

VALENTINE'S DAY COSMIC SCOTCH DOUBLES

The bowling alley, building 2342, will hold a Valentine's Day Cosmic Scotch Doubles tournament on Sunday, Feb. 10. Cost to enter the tournament is \$9 per person or \$18 per couple for three games. In scotch doubles women roll the first ball. If it is not a strike, men try to pick up the remaining pin(s). If the women roll a strike, the men will roll the first ball in the next frame. The prize fund is based on 10 couples. First place is \$40.50; second place, \$24; and third place is \$16. Each high game receives \$14. For more information, call 410-278-4041.

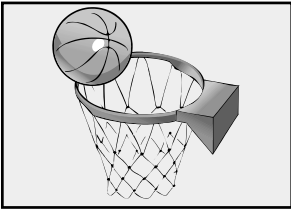
DISNEY ON ICE

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets to Disney on Ice at the Balti-more Arena. Ticket prices and dates are \$10.25 per person for Friday, Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m.; \$16.25 per person, Friday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.; \$16.25 per person, Saturday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.; \$16.25 per person for Saturday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. and \$16.25 per person for Saturday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free. Tickets are on sale until Feb. 1. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Gladys Waiters, 410-278-4011.

**The Edgewood Area Youth Services Talent Show** is Feb. 23, 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call Lucinda McDowell at 410-278-2862.

Basketball update

The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Jan. 18.



American Division

Results

Jan. 14  
HHC 61st, 55; NCOA, 38  
HST, 36; HHC 1/115, 33  
HHC 16th, 59; KUSAHC, 49  
Jan. 16  
HHC 16th, 57; HHC 1/115, 46  
HST, 47; NCOA, 33  
HHC 61st, 71; KUSAHC, 52

Schedule

Jan. 28  
6:30 p.m., HST vs. HHC 16th  
7:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. NCOA  
8:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 1/115  
Jan. 30  
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HST  
7:30 p.m., HHC 1/115 vs. KUSAHC  
8:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA

Standings

HHC 61st	4-0
HHC 16th	4-0
HST	2-2
KUSAHC	2-2
NCOA	0-4
HHC 1/115	0-4

Edgewood Division

Results

Jan. 14  
Company C 1/115, 58; MRICD, 50  
Company B 143rd, 54i;  
Company C 143rd, 41  
Company A 143rd, 51; HHC 143rd, 48  
Jan. 16  
Company C 1/115, Win;  
Company B 143rd, Forfeit  
Company C 143rd, 56;  
Company A 143rd, 46  
HHC 143rd, 64; MRICD, 34

Schedule

Jan. 28  
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HHC 143rd  
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company B 143rd  
8:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company C 1/115

Jan. 30

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company B 143rd  
7:30 p.m., Company C 1/115 vs. Company C 143rd  
8:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. MRICD

Standings

Co. C, 1/115	4-0
MRICD	2-2
HHC 143RD	2-2
Company B 143rd	2-2
Company C 143rd	1-3
Company A 143rd	1-3

National Division

Results

Jan. 15  
389th Band, win; Company C 16th, forfeit  
Company B 16th, 32;  
Company E 16th, 23  
USMC, 45; Company A 16th, 34  
Jan. 17  
Company C 16th, 54; USAF, 48  
Company E 16th, 41;  
Company A 16th, 33

Schedule

Jan. 29  
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. 389th Band  
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company C 16th  
8:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USMC  
Jan. 31  
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company B 16th  
7:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. USMC  
8:30 p.m., 389th Band vs. Company A 16th

Standings

Company B 16th	2-0
389th Band	1-0
USAF	1-1
USMC	1-1
Company E 16th	1-1
Company C 16th	1-1
Company A 16th	0-3

Schmoke

From front page

Mark also spoke of the former mayor's successes. A product of Baltimore City public schools, Schmoke received an under graduate degree in history from Yale University, attended Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar, and received a law degree from Harvard University, before returning to the area to practice law in Baltimore. A former member of then-President Jimmy Carter's White House Domestic Policy staff, he also served as an assistant United States attorney and state's attorney before becoming city mayor in 1987. Schmoke is credited with increasing city literacy rates in student and adult sectors, revitalizing city neighborhoods, and increasing economic development by expanding existing businesses and attracting new ones, during the years he was city mayor. Deciding not to seek a fourth mayoral term in 1998, the local man is currently a partner with an international law firm.

Using the example of

Nehemiah, a biblical character from the Old Testament who fostered improvements in the living conditions of his people, Schmoke emphasized individuals working alongside their neighbor, and taking responsibility for changing a small part of the picture. Through Nehemiah's example and encouragement, Schmoke said, all Jerusalem residents had a part in rebuilding and protecting their city, as each family took responsibility for erecting a section of the city wall. If all work together toward a common goal, Schmoke said, issues can be resolved.

"One person can make a difference in a really big way," he said.

The speaker touched on the story of Rosa Parks, the African-American seamstress who refused to give up her bus seat to a Caucasian man, the first step in a bus boycott that initiated a change in southern race relations and laws.

Years later, when Schmoke met Parks, he told her, "I'm here as mayor because you sat down as a seamstress."

He said the key to success in working with the community for a better life is getting

residents involved, adding that he thought Martin Luther King Jr. would be disappointed with the sense of powerlessness many Americans feel.

"On this Martin Luther King Day I ask that we all consider what we can do and not what we can avoid," the speaker said.

"You can rebuild and strengthen your community by taking a little piece and working on that."

"Everything he said relates to what is happening today," said Cornelius Stewart, an instructor at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Maj. Curt Schmucker, Air Force Detachment commander added, "Making a difference where you are, in your own corner of the world, is great advice," he said.

The CHPPM color guard posted the colors for the commemorative breakfast; Staff Sgt. Stephanie McGee served as mistress of ceremonies; Lisa Lyons offered vocal selections; and Lt. Col. Kenneth Kolenbrander, garrison chaplain, and Cpt. Theiring Alexander, offered the opening and closing prayers for the annual event

tied containers will be returned to the storage area at APG, awaiting their final decontamination and destruction, scheduled for completion in 2004. Mercer said the empty containers are not considered a hazard once the agent is removed.

"By reorganizing the process and using available technologies, we deal with the hazardous chemical first, then take care of the empty containers at a later time," he said.

"Using this plan, we speed up the process of removing the

hazardous mustard agent and quickly reduce the risk to the public." Mercer added, "The accelerated process should begin by mid-summer and most or all of the mustard should be gone by the end of the year."

O'Donnell said citizens who have concerns may contact the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach office, 410-676-6800, for more information.

He added, "We plan to hold additional public meetings as we continue the process."

Stockpile

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involvement, O'Donnell described the attendance at last week's meetings as "the biggest turnout we've had in the last 4 or 5 years."

The program included a briefing on the accelerated plan, then 90 minutes for comments or questions from attendees.

"I think the meetings were well-received," O'Donnell said, adding that attendees told him that they appreciated the update.

George Mercer, APG public affairs officer, described the new plan as decreasing the risk to the community, because the hazardous portion of the stockpile is dealt with first, not in concert with the non-hazardous containers. He said that while the mustard is being neutralized, the rinsed, emp-

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# Remembering Harford veterans

## Volunteer uses faith, education to set example

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

You don't have to look hard to find a Korean War veteran in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. They are all around us. In their 60s and 70s, most find ways to stay active in the community and in veteran organizations.

One such veteran is Paul Yorkman, a retired Army Reserve Master Sergeant who spent nine of his 32 years on active duty.

The 70-year old African-American was born in Baltimore in 1930. He dropped out of school and joined the Army in 1947.

"Where I lived, different situations could force you into the service," Yorkman said adding that he came from a rough neighborhood and a broken home.

"All my friends were running away, joining the Army or going to jail," he said. "I joined to find a new life for myself."

A fast learner and hard worker, after 13 weeks of infantry basic at Camp Dix, N.J., Yorkman said he was offered a chance to attend Officer Candidate School but turned it down.

"I didn't like the way black officers were treated," he said. "Segregation policies pretty much stifled their career opportunities. Whites weren't even required to salute black officers."

Yorkman opted for technical training, a useful trade he could use outside the Army.

He attended an eight-week electrician's course at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he learned about interior wiring and power line maintenance.

When his enlistment was up in 1949, he took a short discharge, then reenlisted for six years as a radio repairman. After a 32-week course at Camp Gordon, Ga., he was assigned to Fort Monmouth, N.J., in April 1950, two months before the Korean War broke out.

"They needed carrier equipment repairmen for the communications stations they were setting up over there," Yorkman said. "This was fairly new technology at the time. It required more training, and students with a background in communications equipment were able to accelerate in the course."

In March 1951, after another 32-week course and five days of combat training, Yorkman shipped out to Korea. He said things were "pretty hot" when he arrived.

"It was the time of the Chinese Spring Offensive. The 2nd Division was getting hit pretty hard so everyone on the ship was being reassigned to 2nd Division."

Yorkman said he was assigned to Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, "the only colored combat unit in the 2nd Division."

"We weren't black back then. That came much later," Yorkman said.

He was first assigned as the battalion field radio repairman, then was transferred to Company K in the same battalion where he served as communications chief.

"Integration reached my unit on September 27," Yorkman said, recalling the Department of Defense policy that was established in 1948. "Most of us were transferred to different units after that."

He was sent to the 2nd Signal Battalion to work on carrier equipment, the vital communications stations set up throughout the country.

After the war, Yorkman served in Japan and Germany, then Fort Rucker, Ala., where he was discharged in 1956.

He finished his schooling and went on to college, obtaining a bachelor's degree in psychology from Morgan State College, a master's in elementary education from Bank Street College of Education in New York City, and a master's in special education from Syracuse University.

Over the years, he has taught undergraduate psychology, special education and elementary education at various institutions around the country.

Yorkman returned to Baltimore in 1980 to teach high school then joined the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools in 1987 as an instructional systems specialist before retiring in 1994. He also was an instructor with the Maryland National Guard's Military Youth Corps Freestate Challenge Academy, preparing youths for General Education Development testing.

Since 1956, Yorkman has also served with the Army National Guard, the Air Force Reserves and the Army Reserves, from which he retired in 1990.

"My unit was called up during Desert Shield/Storm in December 1990 but I turned 60 on Dec. 21 so my orders were rescinded," he

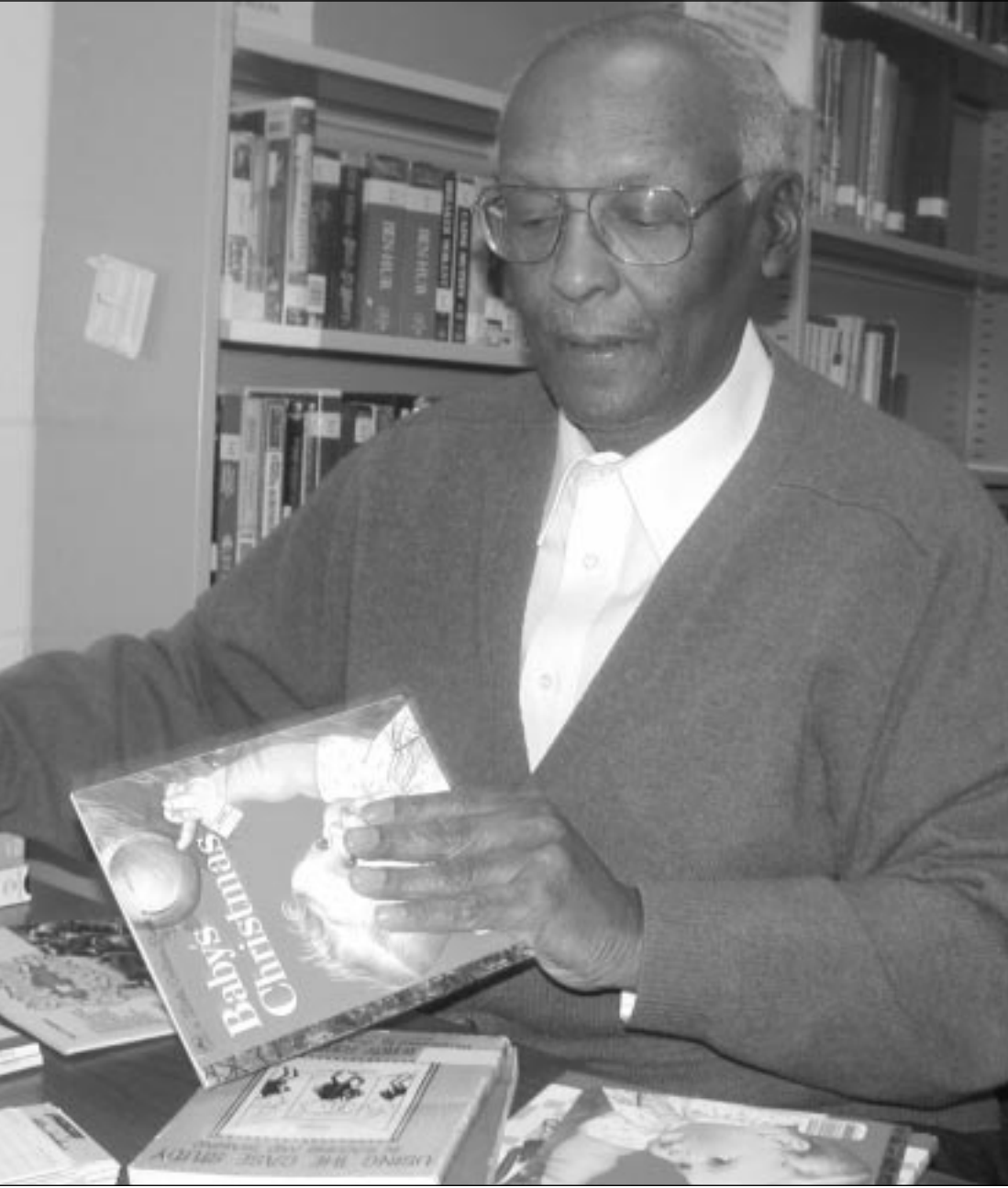


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Korean War veteran Paul Yorkman examines books to be added to the library of the Aberdeen Area Chapel. The retired Army Reserve master sergeant is a member of the Maryland Area Chapter 271, Upper Chesapeake Chapter Korean War Veterans of America, in Aberdeen.

recalled.

Today Yorkman is a volunteer librarian assistant for the Aberdeen Area Chapel library and is an assistant Sunday school teacher for the chapel's protestant congregation.

"I think about the kids and how important it is to have a religious foundation," he said. "I feel I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't been exposed to Sunday school."

Yorkman also serves as chaplain for the newly formed Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 271 in Aberdeen.

Of his months in Korea, he said he had a

recurring nightmare for about six months after he left.

"I used to dream about being captured and then escaping," he said, adding that he was pretty much a loner and only recently began reliving his experiences when he joined the KWVA chapter.

"I'm not a joiner, and I'm not sure why I joined this time, but I think maybe as chaplain I can contribute to the group's harmony," Yorkman said.

Yorkman and his wife, Marian, live in Aberdeen.

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# Community Notes

**SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 27**  
**CONCERT TO BENEFIT WOMAN’S DAY**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present Anointed Voices of Harford County in concert at 4 p.m. The program will benefit Woman’s Day 2002.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

**THURSDAY**  
**JANUARY 31**  
**RABTO MEET**

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting, 7 to 9:45 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action and the J-Field Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 1**  
**HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Harford Choral Society will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5

For tickets, call Jackie Keleman, 410-838-8062 or Arlene Raymond, 410-838-8062 or 410-836-2832.

**COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 2**  
**WORLD’S MOST POPULAR BIBLE SEMINAR COMES TO APG CHAPEL**

Walk Thru the Old Testament comes to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapel 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapel.

Internationally renowned for its innovative, entertaining presentation, Walk thru the Bible seminars utilize the interactive learning techniques to help people absorb and remember the key characters, geography, and major themes of the entire Old Testament.

Auditorium floors are turned into maps as people sit or stand near Bible lands and waters. Hand movements and group recitations frequently punctuate the vibrant teaching. In just five hours, anyone is able to master a survey of the Old Testament, even if they have very little prior Bible knowledge.

Anyone interested in attending this learning adventure should contact the Aberdeen Chapel at 410-278-4333. Childcare for children to age three is available with pre registration.

**WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Womens’ Army Corps Veterans’ Association, Maryland Free State “Chapter 70” will meet at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center, Aberdeen, at 10 a.m. All women who have served or are serving in the United States Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Army Nurses Corps, Womens’ Army Corps and the Womens’ Army Auxiliary Corps are welcome to attend and join as regular members. The women who serve with the Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard are also welcome to attend and join as Associate Members.

For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040 or visit the WACVA Web site, **www.wacva.com**.

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 9**  
**HISTORY BEE**

The Aberdeen Bible Church is sponsoring its second annual African-American History Bee at the Edgewood High School at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

For information, contact the African-American History Bee coordinator at 410-538-7920 or 410-273-3278.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 13**  
**EA-OWC LUNCHEON**

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club is holding their monthly luncheon at Giovanni’s Restaurant, Route 40, Edgewood. The program for the luncheon features Lt. Col. Mary Laedtke, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, who will discuss how to improve quality of life through effective use of ergonomics. Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m., with a noon buffet of chicken marsala and penne pasta entrees.

The price for the buffet is \$14.50, which, in addition to tax and gratuity, also includes a choice of salads, rolls, beverages and desserts.

Members and their guests should make reservations no later than Feb. 8, by contacting Linda Kuchar, 410-838-5265, or sending an e-mail specifying the EA-OWC luncheon, to linku2000@aol.com.

**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 15**  
**CWF BUSTRIPTO DINNER THEATER**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to see the musical “Jekyll & Hyde” at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes bus transportation, dinner and the show.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Halls Crossroads Elementary will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available.

Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Voretta Santos, 410-272-4471.

**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
**APG NEWCOMER ORIENTATION**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend. Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities. Door prizes will be awarded as well as give-a-ways.

For more information, call Fred Posadas, relocation manager, Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 2**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aikens Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available.

Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 8**  
**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Organizational Day will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. Pit beef, ham & turkey, barbeque, drinks, and baked goods will be sold. For tickets, call Anne Gibson 410-378-3338 (home), 410-436-2800 (work) or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 9**  
**EA-OWC SPONSORS BASKET BINGO**

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Gunpowder Club, Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Doors open at 6 p.m., with bingo proceeding at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and include 20 games of bingo, the opportunity to purchase additional cards at a discount, door prize opportunities and refreshments. All prizes are baskets.

Proceeds from the event benefit the scholarship and charitable donations funds of the club, distributed to local schools, military and community organizations and charities each spring. Space is limited for this event. Admission ticket sales the night of the event will be on a space-available basis.

Purchase your tickets in advance by contacting Karen Chambers, 410-676-9142, buying at set locations throughout the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas, or contacting a club member.

**BUSTRIPTO DOVER DOWNS AND REHOBOTH OUTLETS**

Get away for the day. Take a trip with NET NEMOW (Ten Women spelled backwards) to Rehoboth Outlets and Dover Downs, for shopping and gaming. Cost is \$35 per person. A chartered bus will leave the Aberdeen Plaza Shopping Center at 7 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

For information or reservations, call 410-939-1489, 410-272-4902, or 410-272-3744.

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 24**  
**WACVA FUNDRAISER**

The Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association is hosting a Bull/Oyster Roast to raise money to purchase a wheel chair accessible van for the transportation of Perry Point VA Hospital disabled veterans.

The DAV Transport not only picks up veterans from their homes so they can make their doctor’s appointments, but also takes them home after their appointments. Many veterans are in wheel chairs and unable to transfer themselves onto the vans without help. The volunteer drivers are not allowed to help veterans on or off the vans, therefore they are not allowed to pick up these veterans and transport them to Perry Point. The van will cost \$35,000 - \$45,000.

The fundraiser will be held at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$35. There will also be a Big 6 Wheel, plant wheel, silent auction and a raffle. Donations are needed for the silent auction.

Anyone who would like to attend or volunteer should contact Wanda Story at 410-272-5040.

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 12**  
**BAKERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Bakerfield Elementary School will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available

Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184.

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 11**  
**CWF BUSTRIPTO NYC**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to see “42nd Street” on Broadway, in New York City. The price is \$110 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and the ticket for the show.

For reservations or more information, contact Angela

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50  
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard



**VANILLA SKY**  
**Friday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 p.m.**  
Starring: Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz

After his ex-girlfriend Julie drives the car into a tree, David survives, but with his face horribly disfigured. Soon, however, his luck changes: Sofia declares her love for him and the doctors are suddenly able to rebuild his face. But strange and horrible things begin to happen, and he starts to realize that his life has taken a turn beyond his control. (Rated R)

**OCEAN’S ELEVEN (FREE ADMISSION)**

**Saturday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: George Clooney, Matt Damon



A gangster by the name of Danny Ocean (George Clooney) rounds up a gang of associates to stage heists of three major Las Vegas casinos (Bellagio, The Mirage, and the MGM Grand) simultaneously during a popular boxing event. (Rated PG-13)

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

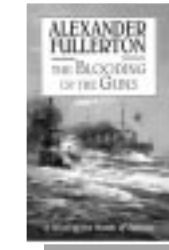
The APG Library system has added the following items to its collection:



**Deception Point** by Dan Brown

**The Cat Who Went Up the Creek** by Lilian Braun

**Hand-Me-Down Heartache** by Tajuana Butler



**The Blooding of the Guns** by Alexander Fullerton

**Under Fire** by W E B Griffin



**Don’t Mean Nothing: short stories of Vietnam** by Susan O’Neill

**Love Her Madly** by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith

**Spilling Clarence** by Ann Ursu



**Stillwater** by William Weld



**One Door Away From Heaven** by Dean Koontz



You can receive a complete listing of the library’s new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 21 to 23**  
**CWF WEEKEND GETAWAY TO CAPE MAY**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a weekend getaway to Cape May, N.J. Lodging at the Grand Hotel provides ocean view rooms, an inside pool and jacuzzi, and easy access to the boardwalk, beach restaurants and shopping.

The prices are as follows: \$315 for a single; \$176 per person for double occupancy; and \$138 per person for triple occupancy. These prices include transportation and hotel accommodations.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

















# Army News



## 'Black Hawk Down' reflects Army values

**Joe Burlas**

*Army News Service*

The values of valor and self-sacrifice demonstrated by actors playing Delta Force troopers and Army rangers in "Black Hawk Down" are the same values being shown by soldiers around the world today, Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White said.

White made those remarks at a special screening of the movie for military uniformed and civilian leaders in downtown Washington, D.C., Jan. 15.

"Black Hawk Down," based upon a book with the same name by Mark Bowden, dramatizes a military operation that went wrong in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993 and resulted in the deaths of 18 U.S. servicemen and more than 500 Somalis. It opened in theaters Jan. 18.

"Who would have believed a year after the script was approved for production that this country would be at war," White said. "The movie has a tagline, 'Leave no man behind,' which is extremely important today. That tagline could easily be used by the Army because it reflects the values of valor and self-sacrifice that we have been seeing in our soldiers these past four months as we combat terrorists and terrorism. In fact, those values have been an integral part of the Army during the entire 226 years of its existence."

Producer and director Ridley Scott told screening attendees that he and co-producer Jerry Bruckheimer decided to make the movie to set the record straight. He said there was an apparent public misperception that the military messed up in Somalia, when in fact the soldiers were heroic in a very unstable part of the world. "We thought those soldiers should be remembered for their courage," he said.

Actor William Fichtner, who played Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Sanderson in the film, said he has always appreciated what the military does for the country, but after working on the film, that appreciation has significantly increased.

"Before reading the script, all I knew about what happened in Somalia was from CNN sound bites — that we had gone in there to help feed the starving people there and then something went wrong so we left," Fichtner said. "In preparing for my role, I made a number of real friends in the Army down in Fort Bragg (N.C.), not just acquaintances but friends. I am proud of what my new friends do on a daily basis in defending this country."

Following the film, Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Ray Lackey, the Army Reserve command sergeant major, said he hoped employers and others who may not understand what mobilizing Reservists are

about, go see the movie.

"There is no doubt in my mind that they will come away with a better appreciation of the sacrifices our soldiers make on daily basis," he said.

For Staff Sgt. Mark Erwin, public affairs NCO for 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, Va., the movie was the most intense he had ever seen.

"I don't know how it could get closer to real than was shown," Erwin said. "I never related more emotionally with what was happening on the screen than I did with this movie. It showed soldiers doing their job and taking care of one another, despite the odds against them."

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley said the gruesome combat scenes depicted in the movie were so realistic that it brought back vivid memories of the carnage he witnessed when his armor platoon was overrun in Vietnam.

First Sgt. Bruce Moore, a ranger now and during the Somalia operation, was one of several Somalia veterans who were brought to Washington to view the special screening. He rated the film as being 90- to 95-percent accurate with what he witnessed as a staff sergeant during the 1993 operation.

"What I particularly liked was the way the movie portrayed how young most soldiers are who fight our country's battles," Moore said. "Most of the soldiers I served with then, and those in my company today, are 18 or 19 years old. As shown in the movie, they are not out trying to be heroes, but end up doing some pretty heroic stuff."

Lt. Col. Walt Pjetraj, an Army Special Forces officer assigned to the Joint Staff Operations section at the Pentagon believed the movie only scratched the surface of what the soldiers endured in Somalia.

"You have to remember that we just sat through a little more than two hours of a depiction of what happened, when those soldiers were in a very hairy situation for more than 18 hours," Pjetraj said. "We watched it in Class A's (uniforms), while they were in it hot and sweaty in (Battle Dress Uniforms) — locked and loaded. After the movie was over, here we are relaxing with adult beverages; when it was over for them, they buried their dead."

Among other distinguished guests at the screening were Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, recently retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry Shelton, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, actress Linda Carter and former Marine Lieutenant Colonel and political analyst Oliver North.



Photo by LINDA D. KOZARYN  
Sgt. Major of the Army Jack Tilley talks with Army Sgt. 1st Class Matt Eversmann at the Washington premiere of the film "Black Hawk Down" Jan. 15.

## Special insert coming in February 'Soldiers'

*Courtesy of Army News Service*

Behind the scenes coverage of the new movie "Black Hawk Down," an introduction to the newest Department of Defense winter resort in Colorado and continued reports on the war on terrorism are some of the features you'll find in the February issue of "Soldiers" magazine.

This issue of "Soldiers" also contains two special inserts: one to help soldiers prepare for retirement, and one asking for your help in telling your unit's story to thousands of readers.

With the motion picture "Black Hawk Down" now in theaters, "Soldiers" senior editor Heike Hasenauer takes readers to Morocco to explore the Army's role in the making of that movie.

Then, focusing on winter sports, "Soldiers" moves to the mountains of Utah to profile Army athletes who will compete in the Winter Olympics and to the mountains of Colorado to explore "Rocky Mountain Blue," the new Air Force ski resort that is open to all Department of Defense per-

sonnel.

Moving next to the plains of Iowa, "Soldiers" showcases the National Maintenance Training Center where entire units focus exclusively on improving their repair and maintenance skills.

In the arena of spiritual maintenance, the February issue offers "Muslim and Soldier," an interview with the Army's first Muslim chaplain, who speaks out on faith, duty and the true nature of terrorism.

For a look at what soldiers can do to prepare for the afterlife - life after the Army, that is - turn to February's Hot Topics insert, which focuses on retirement planning and benefits. Topics include how to prepare for retirement, an explanation of the terms and formulas you need to know, and explanations of the Survivor Benefit Plan, health care and other benefits. The insert also includes specific information for National Guard and Army Reserve retirement and a list of resources.

The second insert is "Writing and Shooting for Soldiers,"

which provides information on how you can make your unit famous by publishing your articles in a future issue of the magazine. This small publication helps you understand the submission process by showing examples of stories that were written and illustrated by soldiers and civilians from throughout the Army.

Photographers planning to send their images for the "This Is Our Army" section of the 2003 Almanac should read the one-page "Short Photo Course," the magazine editors say. They add there's information on the back cover that will provide tips to help improve the quality of your personal photographs.

Those who missed the January 2002 Almanac issue of "Soldiers," can visit "Soldiers Online" at [www.soldiers-magazine.com](http://www.soldiers-magazine.com).

*(Editor's note: "Soldiers" editor Gil High compiled this article. The magazine begins distribution of its February issue on Jan. 25.)*

## Soldiers reach out to Afghan school students



Photo by AIR FORCE TECH. SGT. EFRAIN GONZALEZ  
Turkmenistan workers load pallets of American humanitarian aid onto trucks at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan in December.

*Courtesy of Army News Service*

Sometimes a little thing, like a pencil, can bring a big smile to the faces of school children in Afghanistan, said civil affairs soldiers.

Getting school supplies into the hands of children in Mazar E Sharif and northern Afghanistan has been a task taken on by the Coalition Humanitarian Liaison Cell here.

"You can only improve yourself and your society through education," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert W. Kucera, team sergeant, Company C, 96 Civil Affairs Battalion, from Fort Bragg, N.C. "However this is no easy job. Most schools here are in disrepair with limited to no funds to repair them, so simple materials like textbooks and school supplies are low on the list of priorities."

Non-governmental organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross are providing food aid to the Afghan people, but CHLC surveys found the Afghani educational

system in a state of emergency. There is a need for teachers, and most of the ones that the school system has are unpaid, officials said.

All of the supplies donated so far — with the exception of those brought in by the 317th Airlift Squadron out of Charleston, S.C., — have been donated and mailed to the members of the CHLC from their friends and family.

Recently the CLHC made a special trip with supplies flown in from Charleston, to the less fortunate school of Sultan Ghasidine.

"We gave everything (pens, pencils and paper) out, but with a student body of approximately 1,075, we still have a long way to go," explained Kucera of the large need for basic school supplies.

The huge need for supplies is partly due to an increase in students at the schools, according to the CHLC. Females are now allowed to attend school, and they are trying to catch up after years of receiving no education.

"Because of the Taliban government, this is the first time in the last three years that females were allowed to attend school," said Kucera, who teaches a basic English course at the local university three times a week. "So any education that females received was done in secret."

When male children return to school in March after their normal three-month holiday, the school system will split the day, allowing females to attend in the morning and males in the afternoon.

Air Force Reserve Maj. Edward G. Paylor of the 317th Airlift Squadron purchased the school supplies that his crew flew into Afghanistan from Charleston.

"I have no children, but as with most Americans I share compassion for the needs of the Afghan people, and since I'm in a position to contribute financially and/or with time, I think I can make a difference albeit small," Paylor said. "Perhaps the children that benefit from the supplies will gain a positive attitude towards education and know that Americans care."

## Bush signs Defense Bill into law during Pentagon ceremony

*Courtesy of Military.Com*

President George W. Bush signed the fiscal 2002 Defense Appropriations Act into law at a Pentagon ceremony Jan. 10.

He said the act demonstrates the bipartisan support the military has.

"We can never pay our men and women in uniform on a scale that matches their sacrifices," Bush said. "But this bill reflects our respect for your selfless service."

With the signing, Bush approved both the \$317 billion Defense Appropriations Act and the \$20 billion emergency supplemental Congress passed in response to the September 11 terror attacks. The legislation funds an aver-

age pay increase of 6.9 percent for military personnel. It cuts the out-of-pocket housing expenses from 15 to 11 percent with elimination of this expense by fiscal 2005.

This funds the health care of active duty members and their families, and provides over \$3.9 billion for health care benefits for military retirees over 65 and their families.

The act also contains \$61 billion for new weapons and \$50 billion in research and development, including \$8 billion for missile defense. For the full story, see

[http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jan2002/n01102002\\_200201104.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jan2002/n01102002_200201104.html)

## Changes make travel, moves less costly for military members

*Courtesy of Military.com*

Several changes in the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act are making moves and official travel less costly for servicemembers, the American Forces Press Service reports.

Under the new law, members being forced to move out of government quarters at the government's convenience, not their own, will receive a partial dislocation allowance of \$500. The full allowance is generally equivalent to one month's basic allowance for housing.

Another change allows dual-service couples with no other family members to receive the dislocation

allowance if they are moving into government quarters.

A third change allows new servicemembers to claim the dislocation allowance for moves to their first duty stations; previously they were ineligible.

Daily Temporary Lodging Expense, or TLE, payments are also being increased from \$110 to \$180. TLE is limited to 10 days for moves to bases within the continental United States.

In addition, the act allows reimbursement of pet quarantine costs for members moving to areas that require quarantine. The reimbursement rate has doubled from a maximum of \$275 to \$550.

## Directive

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If a patient does not currently have an advanced medical directive and would like to get one, the legal assistance office is available to provide legal advice and assist individuals in preparing one.

Discuss the information in your advanced medical directive with individual physicians and family members. Since local laws vary from state to state, it is suggested that patients verify that an advanced medical directive prepared in one state continues to be valid when a move to another state has taken place.

*(Reprinted from the Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Guidon.)*

Finally, the act allows members moving from one duty station within the United States to another, to ship a second vehicle to their new duty station. This includes shipping costs for the second car, up to the amount it would have cost to drive the vehicle. For more on travel allowances, see Active Duty Pay and Withholdings at [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Active\\_Duty\\_Pay.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Active_Duty_Pay.htm).

For relocation help and discounts, see the Relocation section at [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Relocation\\_Main.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Relocation_Main.htm).



# Youth Center throws away the key during teen Lock In

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Dozens of parents got a one-night break from their teens just before the holidays as the Aberdeen Area Youth Center hosted a Snooze-You-Lose Lock In for members of the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area centers.

The event was a part of the Smart Girls program, coordinated through the center's alignment with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Program assistants Tonya Turner and Lonnel Dixon supervised the activities along with several volunteer chaperones.

Turner said members of the Smart Girls program suggested the event.

"The Smart Girls program teaches responsibility and promotes smart choices for girls ages 10 to 15 who are entering puberty," Turner said. "This was a way for them to spend a fun, yet safe night out with their friends."

About 70 youths, showed up with sleeping bags, pillows, toiletries and portable CD players to enjoy their night away from home. The doors were locked at 10 p.m. and unlocked at 8 a.m. Participants played cards, shot pool, listened to music or played games in the computer lab and helped themselves to the refreshments provided by the center.

"We had a nice turnout," Turner said, adding that all participants had to be registered members of the Aberdeen or Edgewood Area centers.

She said the best part was "watching everyone unwind and try to stay awake."

"Some of them wanted to stay awake all night but they didn't make it," she said.

Despite having to work the next day, Turner, who works with the middle school program, said she and her coworkers enjoyed the evening and look forward to the next one, set for Feb. 23.

"We care about these kids," she said. "Programs like this promote the understanding that we are here to help them develop into young adults who can make good life choices."

For more information on the lock in or other youth services activities, call 410-278-4995/4507.



Four youths enjoy a late night game of pool during the AA Youth Center Lock In. From left, Michael Frye, Christian Frye, Chris Harris and Steven Bunker.



Photos by TONYA TURNER

### And no bedtime!

Left, youths enjoy gaming in the center's computer room. From left, front, Duane Dixon, Bret Borden, Nicole Moore, Sierra Jordan and Christian Frye. Rear, Rakeem Ashley, Tawana Wells, Jacob Spragg, Dennis Dusharm and Devin Irvin.

Right, a sleepy Terrence Lambert, 17, gets comfy for the night. Lambert was the first to sack out for the night, organizers said.



## Updated deployment medication information sheets

Courtesy of CHPPM

The Army Family Action Plan Conference previously identified the need for soldiers and/or families to have access to information pertaining to side effects of immunizations and other medications that are required prior to major deployments. In response to this need, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, or CHPPM, created Internet access to Deployment Medication Information Sheets, or DMIS, in 1998.

These reformatted easy-to-read information sheets provide basic information in laymen's term on deployment medications, including vaccines, preventive medications, and insect repellents. Basic information includes: the purpose and requirement for the medication/vaccine, instructions on how to take the medication/vaccine, typical side effects commonly

experienced, precautions associated with the specific medication/vaccine to include pregnancy and/or breast-feeding information, drug interactions associated with the medication/vaccine, what if a dose is missed while taking the medication, and a notes section containing other information particular to the medication/vaccine. The DMIS Web page has been reformatted and updated to include links to other Web sites for additional information.

The sheets are directly accessible by a link <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dmis/> on the CHPPM home page. Comments on the information provided by DMIS are encouraged by clicking on "Please Take Our Survey" located above the Table of Contents on the front page of the DMIS Web page.

## Military.com updates

### DoD tells servicemembers 'don't worry' about IRS mistake

American Forces Press Service reports that as many as 60,000 servicemembers who served in combat zones over the past several years recently got letters from the IRS saying they may lose their tax exclusion for that combat-zone duty. But DoD is telling the troops not to worry about it.

The IRS letters set response deadlines on service members — as soon as Jan. 25 in some cases — or their combat zone tax exemption will be denied. By the deadline, the letters say, servicemembers must provide the IRS with the dates they entered and left the designated combat zone and exactly in which zone they served. The letters stated, "If you don't answer this letter, we will update your account to show no combat zone service."

However, the Armed Forces Tax Council said the IRS never intended to take away anyone's

eligibility for tax exemption. There will be no problems if servicemembers have already replied to faulty letters, but those who haven't can disregard them.

A second letter will be sent explaining the error and telling servicemembers to ignore the first letter.

### Military Deal of the Week

Each week, Military Report will feature a deal or discount that is being offered to past and present servicemembers.

This week's Military Deal comes from Gateway Computers. Through Military.com, Gateway is offering the military community a free Gateway PC camera with the purchase of a Gateway 500 series PC.

For more information on this offer, go to <http://www.military.com/deals/index.htm?ESRC=mr.deals.nl>.

## Gifts

From front page

Palmer told the unit that the gifts were evidence that "America understands the importance of today's soldiers."

They don't know your names, but they recognize that you wear the uniform and that you are charged to protect freedom," Palmer said. "This shows how people can pull together and care for soldiers."

"Collins was a good soldier who did everything well," he added. "He was a role model for others to follow."

"This helps them realize how important they are to all of us," Durant said as the soldiers unwrapped their gifts.

"They represent all of us. All eyes are on them."

Senior Drill Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Shepard credited Dorsey with "making it all happen."

"He stayed on top of the situation and made sure everyone knew who Pvt. Collins was and how this all came about,"

Shepard said. "This is special because it comes from the heart."

Barbara Collins said she appreciated the opportunity to do something for soldiers "during these trying times for the country."

"It was therapy for me and just what I needed. It made planning and going through the motions of Christmas so much easier," Collins said. "I'm so glad we did it. We felt Eddie was right there with us, smiling his approval."

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Barbara Collins  
Mother of Pvt. Edward Collins



Family and friends of the late Pvt. Edward Collins pose for a group photo that was sent to the soldiers of Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion along with presents for the soldiers of Collins' former unit. From left front, Collins' brothers, Michael and Matt and stepsister Quincey Zuiderent. Second row, from left Matt Turnbull, family friend; Barbara Collins, mother; Huig Zuiderent, stepfather; and Catherine Roberts, cousin. Back row, from left, Beth Layton, cousin; Bruce and Jo Campbell, grandparents; and aunts Tomi Roberts and Carol Layton.



# APG's TEU unit, Florida responders trade expertise



Samples are taken, packaged and prepared for safe transport to a lab for final analysis.

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Orlando firefighters participating in Exercise Promised Sunshine practice 'personnel decontamination' on Tech Escort team members.

**Cathy Kropp**  
TEU

A team from Aberdeen Proving Ground's U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, or TEU, joined with the Orlando Fire Department Bomb Squad and HAZMAT teams to conduct training exercise PROMISED SUNSHINE at the new Orlando Operations Center in Florida earlier this month.

The three teams worked together to avert a 'mock' weapons of mass destruction terrorist attack. The goal of the specialized training exercise was to enhance the capabilities of participants, foster coordination and education efforts, and ensure teams continue to be prepared to cope with the effects of a terrorist attack.

"We are pleased to host the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit in the city of Orlando and to provide this essential training to our first responders," said Orlando Mayor Glenda E. Hood. "Orlando has taken a very pro-active stance in its terrorist preparedness, and Exercise PROMISED SUNSHINE is indicative of our promise to be prepared."

The scenario began with the staff of a political candidate setting up an office in a building in downtown Orlando. The workers discovered a leaking copier paper box. The workers became ill and the Orlando HAZMAT team was called to investigate. After evacuating the area, they began their investigation.

Their assessment led them to believe the box contained an explosive device and so the Orlando fire department bomb squad was called. The bomb squad x-rayed the box and on their way out of the building, discovered a second improvised explosive device, or IED, which also had to be x-rayed.

Symptoms of the workers led them to believe the original box contained not only a bomb, but also nerve agent and considered a weapon of mass destruction. The City of Orlando called in the FBI, the lead federal agency for terrorist attacks that include weapons of mass destruction.

The FBI agent, a role played by the TEU Operations Officer, requested support from the Department of Defense and TEU was tasked by the Director of Military Support to respond.

TEU provides the Department of Defense and other agencies with a unique, immediate response capability for sampling, monitoring, escorting, rendering safe and disposing of weaponized and non-weaponized chemical, biological and hazardous material.

A TEU National Response Team responded and eliminated the hazard from the "leaking box." The Orlando bomb squad eliminated the hazard from the second IED. The Orlando HAZMAT team provided personnel decontamination for the TEU team members and together they cleaned up the site.

The exercise was designed so that every team had a part to play. Working together the

teams eliminated all the hazards and ensured the area was safe for the public.

After the exercise was completed, the teams shared information about their different equipment, procedures and experiences.

"This training exercise was a great opportunity for our agencies to work together and to learn from each other in this critical area of public safety," said Orlando Fire Chief Charlie Walker.

"Our unit is committed to forging strong ties with local first responders so that if we are called to work together, there is already an understanding of the roles and capabilities of the different departments and units," said Maj. Dean Costas, APG TEU battalion operations officer. "We are privileged to work with the Orlando fire department and the city of Orlando," Costas said.

Providing support to civil authorities has been a mission of the Technical Escort Unit since 1996, when Congress passed Public Law 104-201, directing the Department of Defense to assist other federal, state and local agencies in enhancing preparedness for terrorist attacks using weapons of mass destruction.

Members of the TEU assisted the federal interagency team with the initial establishment of the domestic preparedness training program which provided a train-the-trainer program to the nation's emergency responders in 120 population centers. Orlando was one of those cities.

The unit was established in 1943, as a Guard and Security Division tasked with transporting and protecting chemical warfare materiel. "Over the past 59 years, the Technical Escort Unit has matured into a force with capabilities more in line with today's growing terrorist threat," said TEU Battalion Commander Lt. Col. George D. Lecakes. "The current unit is an organization that is the result of the vision and persistence of its own people."

National and joint response teams are able to deploy worldwide wherever and whenever chemical or biological agent is suspected or found. The teams may be called to support a DoD theater commander in chief, other defense organizations, state or local authorities.

The unit also supports homeland defense initiatives including biological agent testing at the Capitol Building, Pentagon, Senate office buildings and other federal buildings in Washington, D.C.; responding to numerous reports of suspected biological-contaminated packages on military installations; and augmenting Secret Service teams to help ensure the safety of the President and Vice President of the United States.



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